

PRAYER

- Pray for God's will to be done in the situations you are currently facing. Commit to pray for grace and faith to abound in each other.

- Ask God to help you feel secure in His power and goodness. Ask Him to change your heart from one that worries to one that trusts.

- Surrender your circumstances to God and choose to worship Him and declare that He can and He will see you through this. Pray for each one in your group to have a heart of worship at all times.



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WHEN
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DOESN'T
MAKE
SENSE

When Bad Things Happen

Week 3

NOTES

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CONNECT

- What one unfortunate event happened to you before? How were you able to cope with it?
- Share one fond memory you have with your parents. Why is this special to you?
- What is your favorite praise and worship song? Why?

WORD

¹A prayer of Habakkuk the prophet. On shigionoth. ²LORD, I have heard of your fame; I stand in awe of your deeds, O LORD. Renew them in our day, in our time make them known; in wrath remember mercy.

Habakkuk 3:1,2

WHAT

What does the Bible say?

Habakkuk questioned God about the seeming violence and injustice happening to Israel. God answered him by assuring him of His plans. Habakkuk's response to all this was a prayer. In his prayer we will get some truths we can embrace when bad things happen to us or around us.

- **Pray for God's will to be done.**

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Habakkuk 3:2

In spite of knowing the impending disaster about to fall upon his people, Habakkuk did not pray for deliverance or personal escape. His prayer was "Let Your will be done; just remember mercy." Habakkuk did not understand what was about to happen but he trusted God's will for him and Israel (Jeremiah 29:11; Romans 8:28). Why can we trust God's will during hard times?

- **Remember God's faithfulness.**

³God came from Teman, the Holy One from Mount Paran. His glory covered the heavens and his praise filled the earth. ⁴His splendor was like the sunrise; rays flashed from his hand, where his power was hidden.

Habakkuk 3:3,4

In his prayer, Habakkuk recounted the miracles that God has done for Israel in the past. In a form of Hebrew poetry, he recalled how God delivered His people from Egypt, how He helped Israel conquer the promise land. He remembered God's faithfulness to them as a people (Psalm 57:10, 100:5). How has God been faithful to you and your family? How does this help you trust God for what you facing now?

- **Worship God no matter what.**

¹⁷Though the fig tree does not bud and there are no grapes on the vines, though the olive crop fails and the fields produce no food, though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls, ¹⁸yet I will rejoice in the LORD, I will be joyful in God my Savior.

Habakkuk 3:17,18

Habakkuk's prayer ended with praising God no matter what. He knew he was about to witness disaster happen to his nation. He knew people he cared about will be hurt, and he knew it would be tough. He faced all of these but did not walk away from God. He worshipped God instead and found strength in Him (Habakkuk 3:19). Recall a time when you chose to surrender your situation to God and just worshipped Him. How did He see you through?

SO WHAT

What is the relevance of the Word to my life?

- How does the truth in Romans 8:28 encourage you during tough times?
- What are some reasons why we forget the faithfulness of God?
- How does magnifying who God is in worship allow you to face your problems?

NOW WHAT

How do I apply the Word to my life?

- What challenges are you facing today? Pray for God's will to be done in your situation.
- What practical things can you do so you will always remember the faithfulness of God in your life?
- Do you have a regular time of prayer and worship? If not, what is a good time in your daily schedule that you can commit for that?